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**Quarterly Activity Report
January-March 2008**



Division of Information & Research

Records Branch

Coding Section

Manually Added First Reports:

Claims	354
Agreements	95
Medical Fee Disputes	4

EDI Received	8,858
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Data Entry Section

Mail Received	24,061
Orders	7,284
Opinion/Awards	474
Docket Orders	742

Open Records

Written Requests	3,538
Social Security	7
Pre-Employment	4,591
Fish & Wildlife	16



Imaging Branch

Imaging

Total Sheets Scanned: **401,384**

Equates to:

Total Documents Scanned: **15,187**

Micrographics

Total Sheets Printed from microfilm: **42,480**

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Administrative Law Judges

Benefit Review Conferences	1,208
Formal Hearings	527
Opinions	444
Remands	16

Appeals Section

Appeals to the Board: **93**

Final dispositions by Board: **18**

Opinions rendered by board members:

Stivers	26
Gardner	26
Cowden	24
Total:	76

Appeals to Court of Appeals:	22
Records sent to court:	29
Court orders final disposition:	2
Court of Appeals opinions:	29

Appeals to Supreme Court:	16
Court orders final disposition:	1
Supreme Court opinions:	14

Office of General Counsel

The Office of General Counsel received **209** Enforcement citation cases for this quarter.

10 UCP cases

3 Fraud cases

Enforcement fine and penalties collected: **\$178,779.62**

Show Cause fines and penalties collected: **\$41,450.00**



QUARTERLY ACTIVITY

Lost Time First Reports of Injury	7,934	Dismissals	171
Claims Assigned	1,660	Re-openings (medical)	296
Pre-litigated Agreements	1,085	Re-openings (overruled)	7
Awards	302	Re-openings (sustained)	56
Agreements	850	Re-openings (motion docket)	290

Distribution by Body Part (Top Ten)

Claims

Lower Back	378
Multiple Body Parts Including Systems	313
Shoulder	137
Knee	114
Disc	78
Multiple Upper Extremities	48
Wrist	48
Lungs	39
Multiple Trunk	37
Ears	35

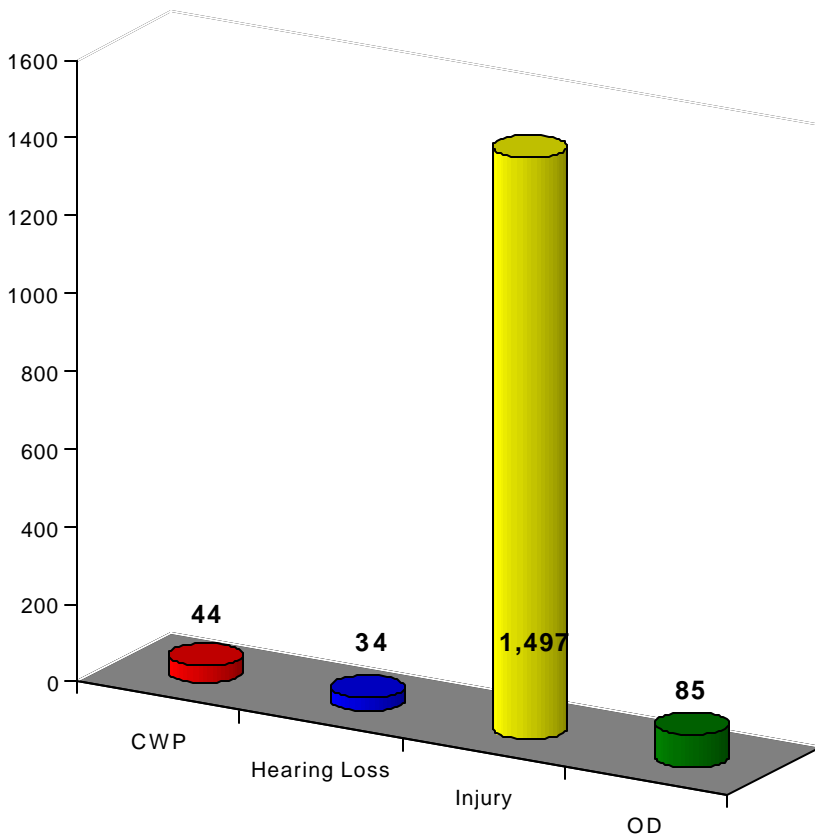


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(First Report of Injury)

Lower Back	1,260
Multiple Body Parts Including Systems	977
Knee	686
Shoulder	634
Fingers	445
Wrist	339
Ankle	332
Hand	320
Foot	240
Abdomen Including Groin	231

Distribution of Claims by Type



Claims figures are based on date of filing.

Top 10 Causes of Injury Claims

Fall or Slip	349
Lifting	287
Strain or Injured By	152
Motor Vehicle	143
Pushing/Pulling	116
Repetitive Motion	110
Falling or Flying Object	100
Absorption/Ingestion	43
Other Injury (NOC)	41
Using Tool or Machine	37

Distribution by Industry

	Claims	First Reports
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	21	173
Mining	243	332
Construction	151	640
Manufacturing	362	1,417
Public Utilities & Transportation	187	704
Wholesale Trade	67	361
Retail Trade	195	1,187
Finances, Insurance and Real Estate	13	150
Services	351	2,434
Public Administration	54	500
Unclassified	16	36

Division of Claims Processing

Claims Assignment

New claims	1,056
New claims to the judges	1,373
Motion docket cases	317
Medical Fee Disputes	217

Docket Section

Assigned **867** motions to **13** motion dockets

Case Files Section

Received **754** new motions to reopen.
 Attorney Fees to Motion Docket was **211**.
 Reopenings to Motion Docket was **642**.
 Total files returned for the period Jan-Mar, 2008 was **1,261**.
 Cases purged was **1,254**.

Agreements

First report agreements	1,169
Attorney fee motions	330
Lump sum settlements	173
Approved agreements	839
Requests for widow's benefits	42

Division of Ombudsmen and Workers' Compensation Specialists Services

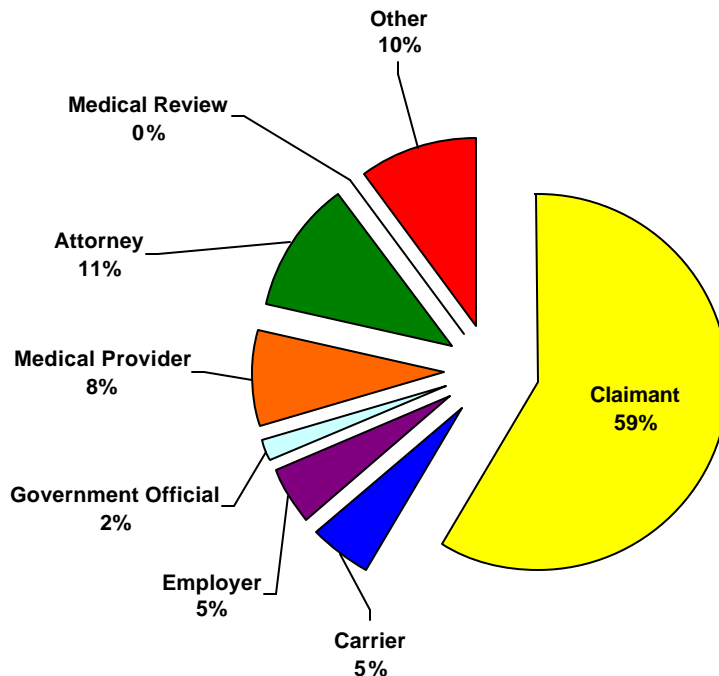
Mediation

Intervention Requests:	447
Intervention Completed Successfully:	135

Claims

Claims filed:	8
Number of other forms assistance:	21

Sources for Request of Assistance



Medical Evaluations

The number of shipments to B-reader's for HB 348 during the 1st quarter of 2008:

1st B-reader: 12

2nd B-reader: 20

3rd B-reader: 14

Total: **46**

University of Kentucky	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08
Asbestosis- 061	1	0	0
All other OD	1	1	1
Hearing Loss 072	13	6	6
Injury & Dermatitis all- 068	4	3	1
TOTAL	19	10	8
University of Louisville	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08
Hearing Loss 072	1	2	3
Injury & Dermatitis all- 068	1	0	0
TOTAL	2	2	3



Vocational Rehabilitation

Cases referred by ALJ's: **21**

Number of claimants requesting training: **2**

Number of claimants approved for training: **1**

Number of claimants who returned to work: **4**

Division of Security & Compliance

Self-Insurance Branch

The Self-Insurance Branch reviews the financial strength of individual self-insured employers and determines the surety requirements necessary to cover their outstanding workers' compensation liabilities. Self-Insurance auditors utilize independent resources such as business periodicals, regional and national newspapers and internet business sites to monitor the financial condition of self-insurers.

Enforcement Branch

	January	February	March	Totals
Investigations	908	888	950	2,746
Citations Issued	58	88	86	232
Penalties Collected	\$95,070.50	\$66,320.29	\$71,333.83	\$232,724.62
Form 4's Processed	435	422	539	1,396

Coverage Branch

Transactions processed 73,410

Acceptance Rate 95%



The Technical Support & Design and Development Section

The Technical Support & Design and Development Section respond to all technical, networking and programming needs for the Office of Workers' Claims. Technical Services Section responded to 406 requests and 370 Helpdesk issues were completed.



Design and Development's Major Projects Completed and/or Activity

The Design and Development Section worked on SIMBA, EDI and POC programs. Requests for assistance were logged into the Test Track System for tracking purposes when users reported modification needs, enhancements and new development. Design and Development staff completed 52 test track issues and received 73 new issues for Simba. Staff worked on development of the new Proof of Coverage (POC) process and guidelines for development in line with International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commission (IAIABC) Standards 2.1 program. On January 14, 2008, the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) 1.4 Build was installed. Rehabilitation 1.3 Build was put into production on January 22, 2008, and Policy Driven Conversion (PDC) Tools version 1.5 was installed on January 30, 2008. There were 275 SIC/NAICS codes corrected in Simba. Simba training was conducted for new users. Staff continues to create and modify Simba reports, and letters. Design & Development continues to work with trading partners and staff in regard to EDI transmittals, statute letters and POC transactions.

